



LaFayette

Community Newsletter



From the Town Supervisor:



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End of my First Term



Can you believe it? You have been dealing with me, and my poorly placed newsletter jokes, for two years! Even my wife doesn't laugh at them any more. Maybe that's why she travels for work now... Anyway, I think we have done a lot as a town in that time, we have a stronger financial outlook than we have had in over a decade, a new trash service (absolutely EVERYONE'S favorite thing), a well funded highway department, a new assessor, a new town attorney, real progress on the four corners, and unprecedented growth in our private sector. Thank you to all the great partners the town has had in this and a special thank you to the town board members who work overtime making this all happen.

Financial Outlook



This year the town was able to make major investments in town equipment and infrastructure. The highway has new trucks, a new loader, a new mower for the parks, and serious investments in our local roads. These things are never cheap but we were able to do so while staying within the tax cap and ensuring tax rebate checks for all the taxpayers in the town. In addition, the trash service fees are remaining flat and could see a cut in the future meaning overall town tax rates could decline.

Focus on the Future

Though there has been serious success with all that has gone on these past two years there is major work yet to be done. Firstly, the four corners have had a lot done in the planning phase. Moving forward these need to be executed on and the center of town needs to look as beautiful as the area surrounding it. In addition, real discussions need to be had around our infrastructure, including municipal water, and hearing your input will help guide these decisions and the broader conversation. Happy New Year LaFayette!



—Danny Fitzpatrick

2020 Town Directory (abbreviated version)

The 2020 Town Directory is available on the home page of the Town of LaFayette website in its entirety at the following link: WWW.TOWNOFLAFAYETTE.COM

Office	Official	Office/Home	Alt. Phone	Fax	Email
Supervisor	Daniel Fitzpatrick	315-677-5251	315-247-1600	315-677-7806	fitzervisor@gmail.com
Deputy Supervisor	Steve Zajac		315-727-5883	315-677-7806	szajac1twcny.rr.com
Councilor	Melanie Palmer	315-677-3674	315-436-3544	315-677-7806	mjp6331@gmail.com
Councilor	Carole Dwyer	315-677-3965		315-677-7806	caroledwyer@howardhanna.com
Councilor	William McConnell	315-391-8167		315-677-7806	wmmac4@aol.com
Secretary to Board/Town Clerk	Jackie Bush Roorda	315-677-3674		315-677-7806	townclerk@townoflafayette.com
Deputy Town Clerk	Kristin Colburn	315-677-3674		315-677-7806	deputytownclerk@townoflafayette.com
Assessor	Sherry LaVancher	315-677-3420		315-677-7806	assessor@townoflafayette.com
Attorney	Jeff Brown	315-727-6881			jeffdonnerbrown@gmail.com
Bookkeeper	Tom Chartrand	315-677-5149	315-480-5653	315-852-2078	thomas@a-znet.com
Codes Officer	Ralph Lamson	315-677-5371	315-677-3586	315-677-7806	codes@townoflafayette.com
Deputy Codes	Nick Kirby	315-677-5371		315-677-7806	nkirby05@gmail.com
Dog Control	Ken Johnson	315-263-1000		315-677-7806	youneedarooof@yahoo.com
Deputy Dog Control	Laura Holt	315-696-6468			ltbholt@verizon.net
Highway Supt.	John Greeley	315-677-9535	315-559-3627	315-677-3239	johnlafhighway@yahoo.com
Deputy Supt.	Steve Robson	315-677-9535	315-952-6063	315-677-3239	stevlafhighway@yahoo.com
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Information Tech.	Jerry Brown	315-877-1727			gbrown@cnytech.us
Tax Collector	Kitty Rienhardt	315-677-9155	315-677-0119	315-677-7806	kitty22@twcny.rr.com
Constable	Harrison Homer	315-492-2433			homer1@twcny.rr.com
Engineer (General)	C&S Companies	315-455-2000		315-455-9667	Www.cscos.com
Facilities Usage	Jackie Bush Roorda/ Kristin Colburn	315-677-3674		315-677-7806	townclerk@townoflafayette.com
Historian Emeritus	J. Roy Dodge	315-428-0500			
Historian	Greg Titus	315-469-6684	315-569-9328		gregtitus@hotmail.com
Justice	Adrian Shute	315-677-9350		315-677-4622	tolcourt1@aol.com
Justice	Maureen Perrin	315-677-9350		315-677-4622	tolcourt1@aol.com
Court Clerk	Carlene LaRonde	315-677-9350		315-677-4622	tolcourt1@aol.com
Deputy Court Clerk	Katey Romancik	315-677-9350			kate4roman@gmail.com
Deputy Court Clerk	Joanne Smith	315-677-9350			toljsmith@gmail.com
Planning Board Chair	Brad Bush	315-677-9746		315-677-9159	rbushoil@twcny.rr.com
Zoning Board Chair	Christine Keenan	315-469-1622			chrisandduke@earthlink.net

From the Town Clerk



Town of LaFayette's Vision Statement

(2012 Comprehensive Plan)

LaFayette is a beautiful rural town and a great place to live. Our vibrant hamlet, surrounding farmland, green spaces, and scenic views are preserved through thoughtfully managed development. Our proud community is supported by proactive leadership. We welcome a diverse population, encourage the development of compatible businesses, and strive to capitalize on our existing assets and historic identity as the Crossroads of New York State.

With reading the Vision Statement, I am excited about the possible good things that may be in the works for our hamlet, to develop, make it more functional and at the same time give it a facelift. Just like I love seeing some of the homes that have been abandoned fixed up, occupied, and no longer an eyesore. We can feel proud as we drive through the hamlet that has "eye appeal", reflecting its beauty.

2020 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7th, 2020

Refreshments 5:00 – 6:00PM

6:00 PM Organizational Meeting with Town Board Meeting to follow

All residents are welcome to enjoy refreshments and witness the swearing in of our Re-Elected Town Board Members; Supervisor Danny Fitzpatrick, Councilors Steve Zajac & Bill McConnell; Tax Collector, Kitty Rienhardt; Justice Maureen Perrin; Highway Superintendent John Greeley and Town Clerk Jackie Bush Roorda. Please join our Town Board Members, members of Planning, Zoning, Grievance, Codes, Clerks, Library, LCC, along with most everyone involved with what makes LaFayette continue to be a great place to live.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE PUBLIC SERVICES:

- DEC licenses (hunting, fishing, etc.) and Duck Stamps
- Dog licenses (all dogs over 4 months of age need to be licensed)
- Facility Rentals (Stafford Park Pavilions and Community Center)
- Handicap parking permits
- Marriage Licenses (please call for an appt.)
- Notary Public Service, Voter registration forms
- Passport Services (by appointment)
- Veterans Discount Cards (F.A.V.O.R.)

Please visit the Town of LaFayette website or call for information regarding any of the above Services. Most forms needed may be downloaded for your convenience. I invite you to visit our office or call and we will be happy to assist you in obtaining the services you require.

TOWN CLERK OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY
9:00 AM—4:00 PM

TUESDAYS 9:00 AM—7:00 PM
OR BY APPOINTMENT

(SUMMER HOURS—CLOSED FRIDAYS MAY—OCT)

2677 US ROUTE 11, P.O. BOX 193
LAFAYETTE, NY 13084

PHONE: 315-677-3674

FAX: 315-677-7806

EMAIL: TOWNCLERK@TOWNOFLAFAYETTE.COM

OFFICES ARE CLOSED ON ALL FEDERAL HOLIDAYS



From the Town Clerk cont'd...



Meeting	Day	Time	Email	Phone	Fax
Assessor	Tuesday - Thursday	8:30 am—1:30 pm	assessor@townoflafayette.com	677-3420	677-7806
Building & Zoning Code Enforcement	Tuesday	6:00 - 7:00 pm or by appointment	codes@townoflafayette.com	677-5371	677-7806
Town Supervisor		by appointment	supervisor@townoflafayette.com fitzervisor@gmail.com	677-5251 247-1600	677-7806
Planning Board	3rd Tuesday of the month	7:00 PM if there is agenda	townclerk@townoflafayette.com	677-3674	677-7806
Zoning Board of Appeals	4th Tuesday of the month	7:00 PM if there is agenda	townclerk@townoflafayette.com	677-3674	677-7806
Town Board Meeting	2nd Tuesday of the month	Vouchers at 6:00 pm Meetings 6:30 pm (townclerk@townoflafayette.com	677-3674	677-7806

MEETING SCHEDULES -

TOWN BOARD—2ND Tuesday of the Month; Vouchers at 6:00 pm; Meeting at 6:30 pm (except for January and holidays); **2020 meeting dates are:** Jan 7 - Feb 11- Mar 10- Apr 14 - May 12 - Jun 9 - Jul 14 - Aug 11 - Sept 8 - Oct 13 - Nov 10 - Dec 8. **SPECIAL MEETINGS** will be posted on the website, Town Hall Bulletin Board, the Post Office and Post Standard/Syracuse Media website.
PLANNING BOARD—3RD Tuesday of the month 7:00 pm if there is an agenda
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS—4TH Tuesday of the month 7:00 pm if there is an agenda

Also, please be advised that we do not accept credit or debit cards. All Town Clerk transactions need to be paid by cash or check or money orders.

DOG LICENSING - The fees are \$8.00 for Spay/Neutered dogs and \$20.00 for Un-spayed/Unneutered dogs. Licenses may be obtained for 1, 2, or 3 years depending on the expiration of the rabies vaccines. You may pay with check or cash, via mail or in person. Forms for new licenses may be downloaded from our website. It is **New York State Law** that all dogs must be licensed in the municipality which they reside. Please contact Dog Control Officers; Ken Johnson (315) 263-1000; Deputy Dog Control Officer Laura Holt (315) 696-6468 for any stray/lost dogs.

RABIES SHOT CLINICS/ONONDAGA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – The first clinic for 2020 will take place in March, however no dates have been confirmed for the rabies clinics for 2020. You may call (315) 435-3165 Animal Disease Prevention or visit www.ongov.net/health/ADP.html for further details.

So for 2020 we are hopeful that your year will be blessed with good health and lots of reasons to smile, and laugh. Time flies so please don't take family and friends for granted. The best gift you can give them is your time. I know I say this every year, but please pray for peace for everyone in the USA and all around the world. Thank you to our past, present and future service men & women have sacrificed so we can live our lives with all the freedoms we enjoy every day.

**Happy 2020 and Happy New Decade!!
 PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TO ALL**

—Jackie Bush Roorda

2020 Town of LaFayette Open House and Organizational Meeting

Date: Tuesday, January 7, 2020

Time: 5:00—6:00 pm refreshments

6:00 Organization meeting followed by the Town Board Meeting



Please join us at the LaFayette Town Hall 2577 Route 11N

The whole family is welcome!

Please RSVP to Jackie or Kristin at 315-677-3674 or by email at townclerk@townoflafayette.com or deputytown-clerk@townoflafayette.com by Friday January 3, 2020

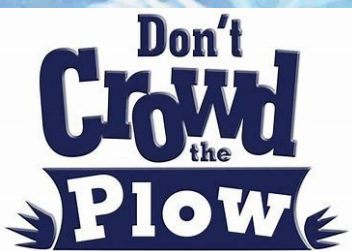
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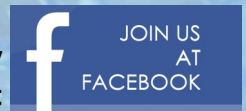
Greetings and Happy New Year Residents!!

As the Highway Department gets deeper into winter, I have a few annual reminders:

- Please remember no parking on State, County and Town roads from November 1st thru April 1st. Blocking Highway roads and turnarounds prevents school buses, emergency vehicles and snow plows from doing their job!
- State/County/ Municipal law does not allow snow to be plowed across any highway.
- The 2020 Christmas tree recycling program will begin on December 16th and end on February 26th. Please drop off all trees to the Highway Department (2849 Rte. 11 North). Please no plastic bags or wreaths. Look for the "Christmas trees" sign.
- As always the Highway Department recommends that residents leave an ample amount of time before heading out on winter roads.
- Always keep windshield washer fluid full and your phone charger in your vehicle. Blankets and flares are a must!
- Please be patient as our plow drivers work to clear the roads.
- Find updated School closings and delays on the "Highway Facebook page".
- Lastly, we ask that you check on our elderly neighbors on snow days. Be kind and remember that the Highway Dept. is here for you! God Bless!



—John Greeley
Highway Superintendent



Court Corner

The court will be closed Jan 20, 2020 on Martin Luther King Day and Feb 17, 2020 for Presidents Day.

Winter is here in all its glory!

It is important to your safety and the other drivers on the road to adjust your driving speed to the road conditions. You can be issued a ticket for speed not reasonable and prudent (V&T 1180-a) resulting in 3 points on your license, \$93 NYS surcharge and depending on your driving history, fines up to \$525. Being prepared by having a winter car kit can keep you safer in case of emergencies. Most importantly, keep your gas tank full and windshield washer full. Also keep a cell phone charger in your car. The National Safety Council recommends your car should be stocked with:

- Blankets, mittens, socks and hats
- Ice scraper/ snowbrush
- Flashlight w/ extra batteries
- Jumper cables
- First aid kit
- Bottled water
- Road flares
- Multi-tool, like a leatherman
- Bag of cat litter or sand
- Folding shovel

IS YOUR VEHICLE WINTER READY?



We have a web page under the Town of LaFayette, select the court department and our question and answer tab which may answer a lot of your questions. Please check it out!

<https://www.townoflafayette.com/court.html>

Hours: 9:30-12:30 & 1:30-5:00pm
Mon-Thurs Closed Fridays

Phone: (315)677-9350

Fax number: (315)677-4622

- Court nights are every Wednesday starting at 6:00pm
- Evictions are also on Wednesday at 5:30. Please call court to schedule.
- District Attorney nights are the 3rd Monday of

each month starting at 5:30pm by appointment. A confirmation letter will be sent to you. This may be adjusted due to the justice reforms effective 1/1/2020.

District Attorney requests can be mailed to:

LaFayette Town Court

PO Box 135

LaFayette, NY 13084

*When you come to court you are expected to be dressed in presentable attire.
Remove your hats.
Turn your cell phones off.
A sign in desk with instructions is located upon entry into the court*

Did you know:

If you hit a deer, remain at the scene and call 911. If the vehicle has more than \$1,000 in damage, or a person in the vehicle has been injured, you are



required by the NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law to file a report (PDF) (MV-104). It

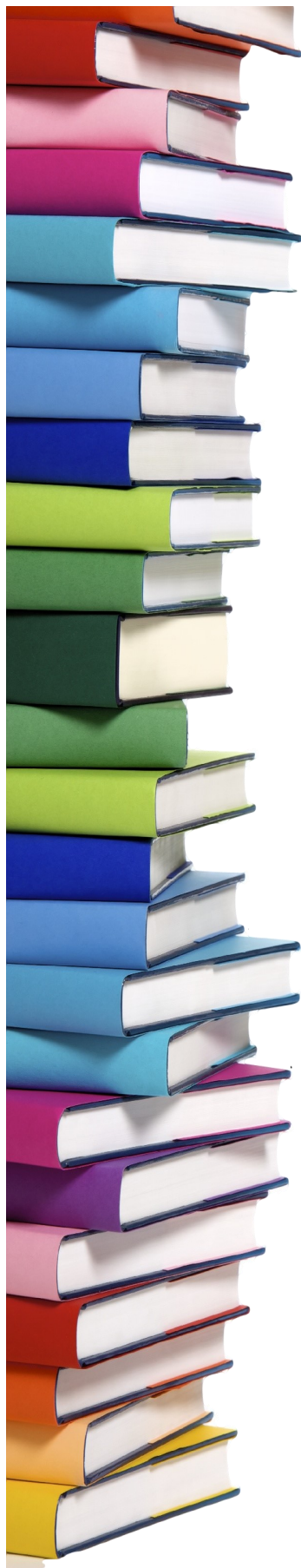
is illegal to claim a deer carcass without a permit. If you do take the carcass, you must report the accident to the authorities. You can ask a law enforcement officer for a permit to keep a deer carcass.



Happy New Year from the Court!!

**Honorable Maureen Perrin and
Honorable Adrian Shute
Carleen, Katey & JoAnne**

From the LaFayette Public Library



We hope that everyone has had a nice holiday. Happy New Year!

Please go to our website – www.lafayettelibrary.org or our Facebook page for up to date information about any events, closings, etc.

Upcoming events:

Step up to stop falling: Done for the season. Will resume in early Spring. Stay tuned!

Tuesday Tea – January 21, 2:00 p.m.

January Imagination Labs:



Imagination Labs—
Wednesdays at 3:30

- 1/8 - Hanging paper Icicles
- 1/15- Decorate a snowflake
- 1/22- Wii games
- 1/29- egg carton flowers/wreaths



Tuesday Tea
Every third Tuesday 2:00 pm

The Census is coming! The Census is coming! That's right it's 2020 and time to do our next Census. This year the Census is being offered online. You will (or already may have) receive a card in the mail telling you where to go to fill out the Census. If you do not have internet access, the libraries will have dedicated access to the Census website. Please make sure that whatever way you do it, that you be counted. An accurate count determines where billions in funds are directed; it means Congressional seats (e.g. New York State has lost seats due to inaccurate or under counts). We are here to help!

Don't have access to the internet at home? We now circulate 6 Chrome Books with a Verizon hotspot. They go out for 3 weeks. You can place holds, but no renewals. They must be returned to the lending library and need to be checked in at the circulation desk. It must be verified that all parts are returned before the kit can be returned. Come take advantage of this. This is the courtesy of our county legislators so please thank them if you get a chance!

Reminder: the library has three Empire passes that allow access to any of the New York State parks, and two passes to the Onondaga county parks. The Empire passes and the Onondaga County park passes can be checked out for a three day loan period, only one per family at a time and no holds or renewals. These passes are good throughout the year. Enjoy!

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support when using Amazon Smile <https://smile.amazon.com/>, login as you normally would, and choose LaFayette Public Library for your charity of choice, and for every \$1000 spent Amazon donates \$5.00 back to the library – with no extra charge to you!
Thanks!

Along with many other libraries in Onondaga County, LaFayette Public Library is

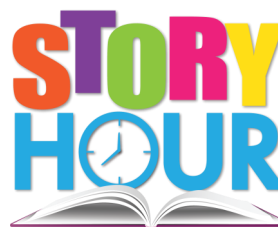
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working with an organization called "Field Goods". They deliver fresh foods from small farms. The library serves as a drop off/pick up place to deliver the food. This is a "local supports local" effort. Just to remind you, the patron is responsible for picking the goods up in a timely manner. There is an option to add \$1.00 to your order that will go to the library so it serves as a fundraiser besides helping to support the local economy. It is custom ordering so you can pick what you want delivered. The food is delivered on a weekly basis on Wednesday. For more information or to sign up, go to <https://www.field-goods.com>.

We have an ongoing jigsaw puzzle exchange in the entryway to the library. Pick up a puzzle or two – leave a puzzle or two. It's very popular and we have some really cool puzzles come through here! Also we have a puzzle set up in the library so come in and fit a piece or two (or three).

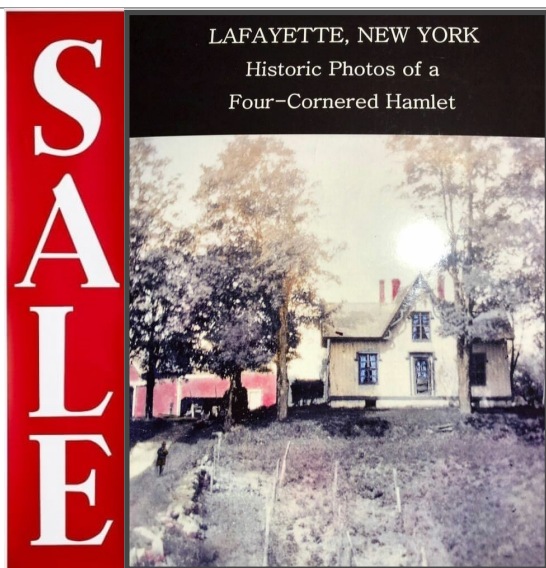
A reminder that we have a children's computer that has over 60 educational programs on it. It is very popular and we encourage everyone to come and use it. We also have two ipads in the children's area with lots of fun and education apps on them

We continue to offer computer training for our patrons. This is a one on one session by appointment only. Please call 677-3782 and ask for Scott to make arrangements. —**Scott Kushner**



WEDNESDAY

10:30 - 11:30 AM



SALE

LaFayette, NY: Historic photos of a four-cornered hamlet is available at the Town Clerk's office. It contains over two hundred photographs and more than twenty five other illustrations in 94 pages. The price is \$25.00. It is the fourth in the series of old-time picture books from the collection of former town historian Roy Dodge.



Tax Collector Hours

January

Monday, Wednesday—12:00—3:00 pm

Tuesday 9:00—11:00 am

February

Monday—12:00—3:00 pm

Tuesday 9:00—11:00 am

March

Tuesday 9:00—11:00am

Mailing address: P.O. Box 193

LaFayette, NY

315-677-9155 —Kitty Reinhardt

Fax 315-677-7806

taxcollector@townoflafayette.com

From the Community Council

Questions about recreational activities can be found 24/7 on the town's web site at the following link www.townoflafayette.com/lafayette-community-council.html, on the main navigation bar or by calling the Community Council phone, 677-7272. Messages will be retrieved twice per week and an LCC board member will return your call. You can speak to an LCC representative face to face during Town Hall Tuesdays every Tuesday from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Emails are also accepted at lafayettecommunitycouncil@townoflafayette.com. The mailing address is: LCC, PO Box 98, LaFayette, NY 13084



Youth Sports:

Basketball: The grades 5 & 6 girls and boys seasons are underway. Practices are Saturdays.

Games will also be played on Saturdays beginning in January.

Basketball for boys and girls in grades 2-4 will begin after the February school break. Flyers will be sent home with additional information.

Wrestling: For boys and girls grades K-6. Practices began in December and are held Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Jr./Sr. High School's wrestling room (downstairs). Grades K-3 practice 5:15-6:00 p.m., and grades 4-6 practice 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Optional matches are held weekly on Fridays or Saturdays. The season runs through early March.

Volleyball: Programs for girls in grades 3-6 will begin after the February school break. Notices will be sent home from school with additional information.

If you are interested and able to help out with the basketball, volleyball or wrestling programs – **AND WE DO NEED YOUR HELP** - please contact LCC at 677-7272. We cannot offer these programs without volunteers who are willing to share their expertise as coaches. Thank you.

Adult Exercise:

Daytime/Senior Exercise: Classes are held Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., at the LaFayette VFW on Rte. 11. The next regular six week sessions are: January 7 – February 13, and February 18-March 26. The cost per session is \$36 and cannot be pro-rated. The walk-in fee is \$5 per class.

Yoga: Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m. at the Grimshaw Elementary School.

The next session runs January 22 through June 24, 2020. NOTE: There is no class Mondays, January 20 and May 25, due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. and Memorial Day holidays. Participants in the Monday session will be allowed to make-up the two missing classes by attending two classes on Wednesdays of their choice. The cost for this session is \$80 if attending class one night per week, either Monday or Wednesday, and \$160 if attending class both Monday and Wednesday. **Fees cannot be pro-rated.** The walk-in fee is \$5 per class.

Aerobics: At this time, LCC will not be offering an aerobics program as we do not have an instructor available. We are actively working on locating an instructor to run these classes. If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact LCC and provide contact information in order for us to notify you once an instructor is found.

Tai Chi: Beginner and advance classes. Call instructor Lynn Perrine at 315-677-8114 for details.

Men's Basketball: Mondays, 7-9 p.m., at the Grimshaw Elementary School gymnasium, September 2019 – April 2020. Fee is \$20. Participants must sign a waiver, which are available on line or at each session. The cost for this program is \$20 for the entire session or \$5 per week walk-in fee.

Other Programs:

Ski Program: LCC supervised ski nights begin Friday, January 10, 2020. Bus transportation and lessons begin on this date.

Bus transportation is available from the LaFayette Jr./Sr. High School and Grimshaw Elementary School to Song Mountain for seven Fridays, January 10 through February 28. Riders must

From LaFayette Community Council

register with LCC prior to January 10. Cost of transportation for the season is \$10. NOTE: There is no bus on February 21, during the February school break.

Walking: Don't let the weather keep you from getting some exercise during the winter months; the hallways of Grimshaw Elementary School are available for walking weekday evenings from 6-8 p.m., through April 2020. Please use the gymnasium entrance and bring dry footwear to wear while walking the halls. A note book will be provided in the gymnasium foyer for sign-in. The recreation path at Stafford Park is also available, every day, dawn to dusk. During the winter, only the south section of the path will be maintained for walkers.

Announcements:

LCC would also like to thank the following individuals for volunteering their time and efforts to help LCC provide the youth of our community with a quality soccer program this fall; you have our sincere gratitude for all you have done.

Coaches - 5/6 boys - Lance Benjamin and Christina Hyde; 5/6 Girls – Erin Scofield and Joe Greco; 3/4 Team One – Sabrina Harmatuk and Renee Clemens; 3/4 Team Two – Tamara and Andy Reed, K-2 – Kevin Morel, Amy Shute, and Varsity Soccer Players, including Colin Morel,

Mason Shute, Nik Cromley, Adam McIntyre, Tim Kramak, and Colton Keane.

Referees - Anu Scofield, Brandon Benjamin, Aidan Griffin, Ryan Zajac, Sean Zajac

Sponsor: Rhett Harmatuk and Harmatuk Construction and Concrete Services for helping to underwrite the cost of the soccer jerseys.

Thank you also to everyone who helped out in LCC's Apple Festival booth; adults and kids alike spent the two days of the festival selling pizza, dough knots and drinks to help raise money for LCC programs.

"Step Up To Stop Falls": This program will resume again in the Spring. Call 315-677-7272 for additional information.

Community Council Board Meetings: Held monthly. All are welcome and encouraged to attend as we need your help and input. **Please consider becoming a member of LCC as a participant on its board or as a coach – we can't provide our programs without your help.**

—Dave Prince



From the Southern Hills Garden Club



Monthly Meeting February 18, 2020 at Carol Watson's Greenhouse 2980 Sentinel Heights Road, LaFayette, NY 13084 at 6:30 pm. Carol Watson will present "What's New in 2020".

Monthly Meeting March 17, 2020 at the LaFayette Community Center, 2508 US Rt. 11, LaFayette, NY at 7:00 pm. Master Gardener, Doreen Todorov will give a presentation on "Shade Gardening Challenges and Rewards".

Guests are welcome and membership is open to anyone interested in gardening. For information, please contact Cathy Nagel 315-677-9342 or email CEN42085@aol.com. —Patty Kroneck

From the LaFayette Optimists

Greetings from the Optimists! I hope you all enjoyed a restful and happy holiday season with family and friends.

The Club has been busy as usual, closing out the fall and wrapping up 2019. We had a successful Apple Festival selling steak sandwiches. The weather was good, and the crowds were large. This event, along with the Golf Ball Drop, are our largest fundraisers. THANK YOU to the community for the strong support at both events! These funds support scholarships, Stafford Park upkeep and expansion, and our multiple events.

Speaking of events, we had two more successful ones recently. The Halloween Party at Grimshaw was again a big hit. Lots of kids, and lots of great costumes. A big THANKS to Grimshaw Staff for helping to make this event a success. The Lancer Students also put on a great Haunted House!

In December, the Club wrestled with Mother Nature, to decorate the downtown area with lights, wreaths, and the Manger scene. Michael Grimm Services again hung the lights on the big tree. The Tree Lighting Event was cold but it did not keep lots of families from attending. The LaFayette Fire Department raised \$5,123 which was donated to LaFayette Outreach.

Closing out 2019 also brought the Optimist Installation Dinner. New members were added, and new officers were installed. Optimist of the Year was awarded to Scott Gates and Fundraiser of the year to Ron Bush. Congratulations on your awards and dedication to the club.

New Members: Brian Cool
Shawn Curtis
David Coakley

New Officers:
President: Scott Gates
Vice President: Ed Castleman
Secretary: Doug Kautz
Treasurer: Ken Gardiner
Park Director: Jerry Marzo
Board Members: Steve Borte
Frank Gordnier



2020 Officers left to right: Doug Kautz, Secretary, Treasurer, Ken Gardner, President, Scott Gates, Vice-President, Ed Castleman

CONGRATULATIONS, and THANK YOU to Joe Barry. Joe is our outgoing President and is moving on to be a Lieutenant Governor for Optimist International!!

Looking ahead: The Optimists will be hosting our annual 7th and 8th grade basketball tournament on January 4th at the High School. This is a fun event and opportunity for our Lafayette Teams to compete with neighboring programs. Keep an eye out for new food options! Scott Gates is our Champion for this event.

We also have upcoming, the Oratorical Contest. This important contest is a chance for our students to practice and be recognized for their writing and public speaking skills. Details to follow.

As the snows disappear, and things begin to turn green, you will see the Optimists busy at Stafford Park. In April we will be cleaning and preparing the park for the community to enjoy for another season. We will be dredging the pond and making drainage improvements. There is also work planned on resurfacing the tennis courts.

Promise yourself to be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind. – The Optimist Creed

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—Doug Kautz, Secretary



Anyone interested in playing horse shoes weekly in the Spring at Stafford Park, please contact Ron Bush at:

315-415-3508

From the LaFayette Senior Citizens

The LaFayette Senior Citizens' group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 12:00 noon in the LaFayette Fire Station, on Route #11 in LaFayette. (Please note that if school is cancelled for any reason, the group will not meet).

The Senior Group is always looking for new members If you are over 50 years of age, come and enjoy the camaraderie, have a delicious lunch, and take part in the fun activities that are planned.

To join, all you need to do is to bring a dish to pass, your own table service, and \$5 for dues for the year. Coffee and tea is provided. Anyone can join, whether you live in the immediate area, or not!

In October, 43 members from both LaFayette and Tully Senior Citizens went on an excursion to West Virginia. We saw lots of beautiful Fall foliage, had a ride on two different trains, and went to the Greenbank Science Center observatory, where equipment is looking for signs of life in outer space. It was a lot of fun, good food, and a way to make new friends.



Tully & LaFayette Senior Citizens get comfortable for their train ride thru the West Virginia Mountains



Vintage Cheat Mountain Salamander II



Interesting information at our stop at the Blackwater Falls



Beautiful scenery as we toured along through the West Virginia Mountains in our bus

For 2020, Jennifer Hopper, the LaFayette Senior Citizen Trip Coordinator, has three enjoyable trips planned: Maine in July; Lockport and Niagara Falls in September; and, del Lago Resort & Casino (where we will also see a show) in December. For more information on these trips, please contact Jennifer Hopper at (315) 469-6592.

Tully Senior Citizens also have trips planned for 2020, which LaFayette Senior Citizen members are invited to participate in: A casino and show (TBA) in June; Merry-Go-

Round Theater in Auburn to see **State Fair** in August; Nashville trip, including Ark Encounter in Kentucky, the Grand Ole Opry, Dollywood, and much more, in October; and, **Christmas at the Pines** dinner theater in Allentown, PA, for November. More information on these trips can be obtained by calling Esther Hoose, the Tully Senior Citizen Trip Coordinator, at 315-317-1618.

So, join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, and see what the "Seniors" is all about! Hope to see you at a meeting soon

—Rita Bush

Commissioner's Update on State of Scouting in LaFayette

2019 has been a banner year for our local BSA Scouts!

The **Cub Pack 100** has grown to more than 30 youth, including two girl dens! They built bird boxes along Onondaga Creek, slept on the USS Little Rock, supported anti-bullying at Grimshaw and collaborated with the Student Council to collect food for our local food pantry with Scouting for Food. The Pack is still accepting youth ages K-5th grade. Contact Cubmaster Scott Gates at scottlgates@aol.com

The **Boy Scout Troop 100** doubled in size! They proudly released two Eagle Scouts into the world, obtained "Cleanest Campsite" at Sabattis Boy Scout camp two weeks in a row, enjoyed an outing nearly every weekend and supported numerous service projects including the Scouting for Food collection in November. Troop 100 is making preparations for an all-girl Troop starting in March 2020. Interested girls between 6th and 10th grade can contact Scoutmaster Brian Kramak at bkramak@gmail.com

A recently created **Venture Crew 51** embarked along the white water rafting on the Black River and camped at the Venturee near Oneida Lake. Venturing is an inclusive program of the Boy Scouts of America for males and females ages 14 to 21. The Venturing program emphasizes: •Adventure • Leadership • Personal growth • Service More info can be found at www.Venturing.org and anyone interested can contact Adult Advisor, Kevin Gretsky at gretskyk@aol.com



All our Scouting programs are supported through lots of thoughtful volunteers. Thank you to all the parents, organizations and leaders who continue to encourage our young citizen's growth!!!

Christian Borchert, District Activities & Civic Chair and Unit Commissioner
315-729-9555 chrisandal@hotmail.com

—Christian Borchert



On Saturday November 16, 2019, LaFayette High School hosted the fourth annual Athletic Hall of Fame event. Two teams, the 1963 Boys Varsity Lacrosse Onondaga League Champions and the 1975 Championship Girls Varsity Volleyball team, along with 11 athletes, two coaches, and two contributors, Alfie Jacques and Lars Tiffany, were inducted into the Hall of Fame. The event celebrated the rich tradition of LaFayette Athletics and helped to celebrate the sense of unity and school pride that has taken place, and continues to take place as part of our athletic programs.

Retired Syracuse Lacrosse Coach Roy Simmons Jr. was in attendance at the event to assist with honoring contributor Alfie Jacques, lacrosse player and traditional lacrosse stick maker. Coach Simmons shared the following with one of our Hall of Fame Committee members after the event:

"I can not tell you what a privilege it was to be at yesterday's event! I am so pleased to have been in attendance at such a special event. The "crew" of people that made all that happen and share such a wonderful bond with your community and the outpouring of true love and emotion of each and every recipient was very evident. The "bridging" of the gap between two very unique cultures through sport is very special and what the community of LaFayette has is truly remarkable. Again, thank you for sharing with us! "

Congratulations to our Hall of Fame inductees and a huge thank you is in order to our Hall of Fame Committee: Dave Knapp, LaVern Doctor, Sherwin Hill, Tom LaRose, Bill McConnell, John Liddy, Jeremy Belfield, Jason Ryan, Lisa Shenandoah-Kurtz, and Heather Storrier-Castleman. Our Hall of Fame Committee is seeking nominations for our next class of deserving recipients. Please feel free to reach out to a committee member or contact the town office for a nomination form. Thank you for helping to celebrate Lancer Pride and the rich tradition of excellence associated with our athletic programs. —Jeremy Belfield

Onativia United Methodist Church

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Church email: onativiachurch@hotmail.com

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Pastor Office Hours: Thursdays 1:00 to 4:00pm



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6104 Route 20 East, Lafayette, New York 13084

Ph- 315-677-3439 / Website- www.stjosephslafayette.org

Sunday 9:00am with Rev. James H. Carey

Additional Mass Locations and Times:

Immaculate Conception (Pompey)	Sunday – 9:30 am
St. Leo's (Tully)	Saturday – 4:30 pm / Sunday – 8:00 am
St. Patrick's (Otisco)	Sunday – 9:00 am

****Weekend Associate Rev. Ed Reimer; Deacon William Ferguson****

St. Joseph's - Schedules/Events

January 1st—Solemnity of Mary Mass—go to our website for Mass times

January 12th—St. Joseph's Church will have a "Coffee Hour" after Mass

February 26th—Lent begins—Ash Wednesday Mass will be held at St. Joseph's

April 5th—Palm Sunday Mass

April 12th—Easter Sunday Mass

Note: Faith Formation continues weekly after Sunday Mass from 9:50 m to 10:50 am

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“A Christ-Centered Family Church”

Robert Gates, Senior Pastor

Brian Mandigo, Associate Pastor of Discipleship

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00—10:00 am	Bible-In-Life Hour
10:00—10:30 am	Coffee/Fellowship Time
10:30 am	Morning Worship Service
6:00 pm	Ignite Prayer Ministry (1st & 3rd Sundays)

If you would like further information concerning our church or its programs, please contact the church office at 677-9810.

We are located at the corner of Route 20 and LaFayette Road in LaFayette.

The church is handicap accessible

*Check us out on the web! You can listen to Pastor Rob’s messages, subscribe to our weekly email update, **The Weekly Connection**, and find out even more details about our various programs www.lafayettealliance.org*

~ Winter Family Carnival ~

February 20th 5:00pm – 8:00pm

LaFayette Alliance Church

A relaxing family evening awaits you at our Winter Family Carnival. Pizza for everyone. Arts and crafts, board games, and engineering challenges will help you and your kids chase the winter blues.

Call Greg at (315) 492 - 8431 for more information.



Columbian Presbyterian Church



Pastor Shawn Reyburn

Corner of Route 11 & Route 20
LaFayette, N.Y. 13084
(315) 677-3293

Columbianpresbyterianchurch.com

cpresbyt@twcny.rr.com

Worship Service 10:00am

Church Office Hours:

Tues-Friday 9:00 am—noon

For a full schedule of upcoming events, find us on-line at Columbianpresbyterianchurch.com or follow us on FACEBOOK

www.facebook.com/pages/LaFayette-Columbian-Presbyterian-Church

Men’s Breakfasts	Monday’s Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 2	6:00 am
Youth Breakfasts	Friday’s Jan 31, Feb 28, Mar 27	7:00 am
First Responder’s Appreciation Dinner	Saturday, February 1, 2020	5:00—7:00 pm
LaFayette Rural Cemetery Board Meetings	Thursday’s Jan 16, Mar 19	7:00 pm
LaFayette Scouts Meeting	Monday’s	7:00 pm Session Bldg.
A Taste of Chocolate	Saturday, Feb 8—Fundraiser for LaFayette Outreach	10:00 am—1:00 pm
Lenten Soup & Bread Series	Begins Ash Wednesday, February 26	6:30 pm
Chicken & Biscuit Supper	Tuesday, Mar 24 \$10 adults—\$5 ages 6-12—children 5 & under free	4:00—7:00 pm



Thank you – to everyone who participated in our fall events: Outreach Pantry food collections; AppleFest BBQ & Pie Sale; Trunk-or-Treat; Election Night Dinner; Holiday Festival & Great \$5 Sweater Sales [200+ sweaters & coats were donated to area nursing homes & the Rescue Mission] & the Cookie Café

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Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	ADD'L INFO
Dec 16-Feb 26	Christmas Tree Recycling	LaFayette Highway Garage	
Jan 4	Optimist Basketball Tournament	LaFayette High School	TBD
Jan 7	2020 Organizational Meeting	Town Hall	5:00—6:00 refreshments Followed by Town Board Mtg.
Jan 16	LaFayette Rural Cemetery Board Mtg.	Columbian Presbyterian Church	7:00 pm
Feb 8	A Taste of Chocolate	Columbian Presbyterian Church	10:00 am—1:00 pm
Feb 11	Town Board Meeting	Town Hall	6:30 pm
Feb 18	Southern Hills Garden Club	Carol Watson Greenhouse	6:30 pm
Feb 20	Winter Family Carnival	LaFayette Alliance Church	5:00—8:00 pm
Mar 10	Town Board Meeting	Town Hall	6:30 pm
Mar 17	Southern Hills Garden Club	LaFayette Community Center	7:00 pm
Mar 19	LaFayette Rural Cemetery Board Mtg.	Columbian Presbyterian Church	7:00 pm
Mar 24	Chicken & Biscuit Supper	Columbian Presbyterian Church	4:00—7:00 pm

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